



Kisan Chaupal: Farming Related Solution at the doorstep by the KVK East Kameng (A-Success story)

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INTRODUCTION

The Krishi Chaupal (Farmer's Gathering) significantly boosts farmer growth by bridging the gap between scientists and farmers. It is delivering the modern technologies and scientific information directly to fields, fostering problem-solving, and promoting new techniques like precision farming, Climate smart aquaculture, ultimately increasing productivity, profitability, and sustainable practices, moving farmers from subsistence to commercial success. Kisan chaupal creates the platform for farmers to ask questions and get immediate expert answers from agricultural scientists, resolving field issues quickly at their door step and introduces advanced tools like drone technology for spraying, pheromone traps, and bio-pesticides, making farming more efficient and eco-friendly. It acts as a local forum for farmers to address challenges related to soil, water, pests, and market access, encouraging self-reliance along with the facilitating property towards the access to quality seeds, saplings, and other essential materials, improving crop and allied sector component yield and quality. Encourages eco-friendly solutions and high-value crops, helping farmers shift from subsistence to profit-making agriculture. Kisan/Krishi Chaupal transforms agricultural extension by taking research out of labs and into the fields, empowering farmers with knowledge and tools for a more prosperous and sustainable future. In the view of above facts KVK East Kameng has started the Kisan Chaupal with the aim to visits the one fish farming villages on every second Saturday with other related experts for on site and prompt rural advisory services to the practicing farmers living in the remote areas of the district. It had been started by the KVK with following mandate.

- To strengthen the linkage between scientists and farming community and provide science-based information at farmers' doorsteps
- To revive the tradition of Kisan Choupal existing in the ancient times to help the farmers for solving their problems on their own at their places
- To collect feedback and/or researchable issues from farmers' fields and communicate to the researchers for further formulating research priorities
- To provide area-specific need based information to farmers at their doorsteps
- To make convergence with different agencies working at grass-roots level

Overview of the Programme Implementation

Methodology:

The programme of Kisan Chaupal has been started with the aim to establish better interaction with the farmers for discussing their problems

and to provide best-suited solutions together with imparting need-based training on various issues of agriculture and allied areas by a team of scientists from the KVK. The site has been selected by a team of multidisciplinary scientists who visited the village a day before the date of the Choupal to ensure active mobilization/participation of the villagers. The teams of scientists have tried to use a practical set of approaches under this programme for understanding their needs and agro-ecological situations, for example, FGD, rapid rural appraisal (RRA), participatory rural appraisal (PRA) and field visit. In addition, the distribution of farmer friendly publication of the KVK during chaupal was made to increase the awareness on cropping practices and new techniques for the literate farmers. For making Kisan Choupal more effective, animal camps were also conducted at need based locations.



Some highlights of Kisan Chaupal Programme conducted by KVK East Kameng

The villagers were motivated by the team KVK to get their farming related problems solved at their doorsteps. The motivational activities like advertisement, event brochure and interaction with key communicator were planned already to ensure maximum participation. The linkage of villagers with state agriculture department and line departments have also been ensured for better access to schemes and facilities.

CONCLUSION/OUTCOME

The findings recorded through feedback from the participants clearly indicates that the chaupal programme will gradually decrease the

knowledge gap and will lead to development of tribal farming community in the East Kameng with rapid and cumulative technology transfer at their door step. As the most of the shared content in form of dialogue and literature along with audio visual aids was knowledge intensive with a mix of personal farming experiences. In that way through the medium of Kisan chaupal the extension mechanism for purposeful learning exchange has been created which in turn is a step towards quick and easy extension delivery mechanism in the East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh for the overall development of agriculture and allied sector.